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REMARKS

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1. No activity was observed at Doeberitz airfield between 2 and 3:30 p.m. on 2 August 1951. The hangars were closed. A total of 78 aircraft with red stripes on their rudder as emblems [redacted] on their fuselages were parked on the northern edge of the field. The aircraft were parked in two rows. Most of them were covered by tarpaulins. They were painted a camouflage color. [redacted] Forty-two aircraft were parked at the southern edge of the field. \*  
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2. There was no activity at the field between 1 and 2:15 p.m. on 6 August. A total of 79 aircraft with red stripes was parked in two rows on the northern edge of the field. [redacted] About 30 planes were observed on the southern border of the installation. The hangars were closed. Trucks [redacted] and tank truck [redacted] were seen at the field.  
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3. The occupation of the field was unusually low on 30 July. Reconstruction work was observed at one hangar. The former dispersal areas on the northern edge of the field were not occupied by aircraft. From 20 to 30 single-engine low-wing monoplanes were standing in front of the hangars at the southern edge of the field. There was no flying. Truck [redacted] and radio truck [redacted] were seen.  
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4. The radio installation with four masts previously observed at the embankment of the Priorst-Wustermark railroad line was still there. \*\* Another radio installation consisting of a radio truck and a mast was observed at a distance of 50 to 100 meters from the first radio installation. A third radio installation consisting of radio truck [redacted] with a trailer and a mast was observed for the first time in the northwestern corner of the field. After two hours, the latter radio installation was moved 20 to 30 meters to the west.  
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5. There was no flying on 7 August. About 40 dark green single-engine low-wing monoplanes with white or light blue leading edges on their rudder assemblies were parked in front of the hangars and flight control building at the southern edge of the field. [redacted]  
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6. Between 10 a.m. and noon on 9 August, there was flying by about 12 planes and by another plane towing an air sleeve target. Approximately every 20 minutes, three planes taxied to the take-off point, took off together and remained aloft for 15 to 20 minutes. They practiced formation flying at an altitude of 600 to 1,000 meters. They then landed again in groups of three. Not more than nine aircraft were observed flying at the same time.

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7. On 7 and 9 August, the radio installation with four masts had not been moved. \*\* The radio installation with one mast, previously observed near the four mast installation was no longer northwest of it, but rather 100 meters north of it. This change may have been because of the harvesting.
8. The construction work on the hangar in the northeastern corner of the field continued. The brick work of the hangar has been completed. Other construction work was not observed. Security measures taken on Hamburger Chaussee had not been eased. No guards were, however, observed on the road to Priort.

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- \* Comment. Doberitz airfield is occupied by two ground attack regiments and a ground attack division headquarters. The aircraft of one regiment are parked on the southern edge of the landing field. A total of about 120 IL-10s are stationed at the field. It appears that one of the two ground attack regiments had been transferred to some other field during the period from 30 July to 7 August 1951.

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- \*\* Comment. One of the Adcock DF stations, which was previously reported.

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